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While driving by some of the approximately 190 Amish one-room schools in the Lancaster Amish settlement, visitors often wonder what a typical day is like in these private schools. Here is an “inside look” adapted from the comments of an Amish schoolteacher...

Who are the teachers?

School is typically taught by young Amish women in their late teens or early 20's, who teach for several years before getting married. No one usually teaches after marriage; it is too big of a commitment. There are some women who never marry, however, that may continue to teach.

How many students and teachers are there in the school?

Schools are usually one room, one teacher, although occasionally there is a helper in schools of more than 30 pupils. (Special

schools for students with learning or other disabilities often have one teacher per four pupils.) Usually there are 25-30 “scholars” from grades 1-8, and ages 6-13. They may start at the age of five if their birthday is before the end of the year.

How long is the school term and day?

We have a 180-day term, with the five 7-hour days. School usually begins around 8:30 am. There are 15-minute breaks in the mid-morning and mid afternoon. Then, there is a one-hour break at lunch, which includes recess. There are four class periods of about an hour and a half in length, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

What subjects do you teach and how?

Lessons taught include arithmetic (not math), and we often use agricultural arithmetic books printed in the 1930's. Lots of drill games and flash cards are used, especially for the lower grades. Workbooks are used for most subjects.

Spelling is drilled well with spelling words being assigned for use in sentences, and written many times in an exercise book to practice for the test, which is given orally at the end of the week.

As for reading, the first grade learns phonics, sounding out the letters rather than recognizing words. By Christmas they are

reading out of Readers, either McGuffey, Dick & Jane, or another series from the Amish publishing house in Canada that uses Amish themes and illustrations. Every grade has reading once a week "in class." The first and second grades read "in class" daily. Pupils stand up front of the class in order of age and take turns reading by sentences or paragraphs, depending on the grade. When a scholar who is reading makes a mistake, if another student notices, he will raise his hand. The teacher will call on him and he will mention the error, be it mispronunciation, skipping or adding words, etc. Students are so eager to do this that the teacher very seldom has to correct them.

Amish children learn to speak English in school, since they speak the Pennsylvania German dialect at home. English lessons are taught twice weekly in all grades, including parts of speech, vocabulary, etc. And by the way, English is usually spoken in the classroom and on the playground, with exceptions made for a first grader who is not very fluent yet. First graders usually know some English before they get to school but may not be really fluent at the start of the year.

Many a scholar's favorite subject is American History, with special emphasis on the early days of our country. Geography/Social Studies is also taught, with the best students learning the States and their capitals. Penmanship is considered to be very important. And German starts in the second or third grade, beginning with recognition of the German alphabet and advancing to German reading and comprehension in the upper grades.



What is a typical day like in your school?

A typical day starts with the teacher reading a chapter from the Bible. Then students rise and say the Lord's Prayer. Students file to the front and sing three or four songs from the songbooks. The teacher has arithmetic assignments on the board for grades three to eight daily. The teacher begins with first and second grade phonics or reading. Each class is taught for about 10 minutes, "hands" are answered between classes. During recess, softball is usually played whenever weather permits. Smaller children play tag, prisoner's base, jump rope etc. On rainy days, ping-pong, board games, or party games are played inside. At lunchtime, a prayer is recited in unison. A story is read to all after the lunch recess. Classes continue in the afternoon. At dismissal, a goodbye song is usually sung.

What happens after grade eight?

There is vocational training after grade eight, until one session past the student's 15th birthday. While students work and help their parents at home, they keep a journal of their activities. And once a week they meet with the teacher, where they further their German studies.

What about discipline?

Discipline varies among the teachers, but parents are notified of an unusually disrespectful child. It really all depends on how the teacher earns the respect of the students and parents. 🐾

Please Note: Amish schools are, of course, private, and not open to the public.



Antiquing

in Amish Country

by Ed Blanchette

Do you enjoy searching for antiques? Perhaps you are looking for that special something, or you just enjoy searching for a surprise to add to your home decor. Maybe you hope to find an item worthy of an "Antique Roadshow." Whatever you discover, once you find it, it becomes your personal treasure.



What makes Lancaster County such a great place to "go antiquing?" One obvious answer would be that this area has a rich history going back hundreds of years to the first settlers in the early 1700's. Many of us have stuff in our attics that we have forgotten about, or inherited. Who knows what may be out there either at a yard sale or an antique shop?

But just being an area rich in heritage doesn't make you an antique "Mecca." Here in Lancaster County, however, we boast thousands of antique shops and dealers. The Adamstown area alone has over 3,000 antiques dealers, and is known as Antiques Capital, U.S.A. The many locations stretch

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Hanging a Shield

by Ed Blanchette

Pennsylvania Dutch barns, once decorated with colorful designs we now call “hex signs,” are a common sight in Amish Country, though not on Amish farms. The Amish weren’t the only German immigrants to arrive in Lancaster County years ago. Besides these “Plain People” German Lutherans, Catholics, and others came here as well. It was these “Fancy” Germans that put up the “hex signs.” Some of these barns are massive structures that impress many visitors. Barn-raising remains an important community activity that is the subject of books and film.

“The practice of *hanging a shield* or plaque on the side of a house or barn at the moment of completion was a custom which the Pennsylvania Dutch had brought to America from the German Fatherland. Great Occasion marked the ceremony, which usually was attended by a feast of celebration. Preceding the festive phase, the master mechanic or mason was privileged to trowel the inscription in wet cement and then, after having had a change of clothing to fit the dignity of the situation, was caused to preside over the very formal ritual. He would begin by solemnly reciting a poem of dedication called Zimmerman Spruch, and would end by breaking a bottle of the best wine from the master’s cellar against the wall of the building to launch it down the avenue of years as an edifice of most excellent quality.”

Let’s look at one of the famous barn plaques. At the top is inscribed “1802 S-B-M,” these being the initials of the owner, Sebastian B. Miller. At the bottom was the name of the “mauer” or mason, Henrich J. Ertz. The inscription admonishes all who read it that God is all powerful . . .

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Special Schools Among the Amish

Behind every child who believes they can, there is a teacher, parent, or friend who first believed they could. —Bennie & Naomi King

By Clinton Martin

Many visitors to Amish Country know at least a little bit about Amish schooling. The many one-room schools dotting the region's countryside are easy to spot, show up in a lot of area photos, on postcards, in social media posts, etc. The whole aura surrounding a rural one-room school is nostalgic for many visitors, with visitors of a certain age perhaps even recalling days of one-room public schooling of their own experience.

Yes, up until around the 1950's, many public school systems in rural America used one-room schools, with today's modern "consolidated" schools being a rather recent innovation in the grand scheme of things. It was this change that caused the Amish to seek their own schooling, in keeping with the traditional one-room style that they had come to appreciate. To summarize a much longer

story (fitting for its own series of articles) the Amish established their own parochial schools, meeting certain basic government benchmarks, but maintaining their own goals and ideals in how and what is taught.

After running their own parochial schools for a few decades, it slowly became clear one manner of schooling did not fit all children, and in particular "special needs" children were not successful in these "mainstream" Amish schools. The movement for a specific schooling approach to special needs youth gained momentum, and came to a forefront during the mid-to-late 1990's.

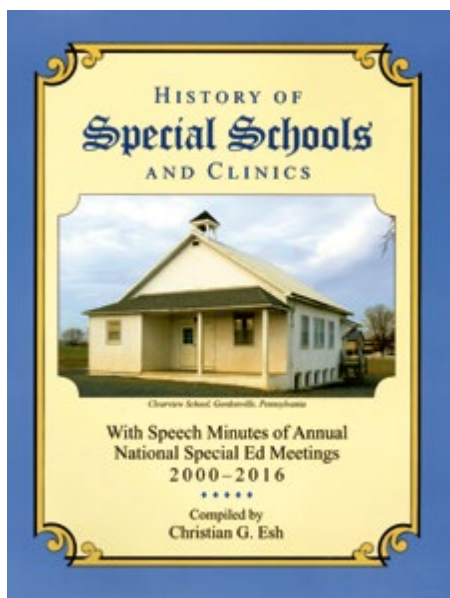
Meetings were held in various Amish population centers around North America, from August 1996 in Middlebury Indiana, to August 1998 in Kalona Iowa, and finally August 1999 in Aylmer Ontario. At these meetings, special education was discussed in the context of Amish schooling, with various

topics discussed and methods developed on how best to approach them.

As of 2016, the most recent statistics available, in the Lancaster Pennsylvania area alone, there are 39 schools for Amish special-needs children. 60 teachers are instructing 134 pupils. While some of these special schools occupy their own buildings (some with more than one room and other accommodations like modern flush toilets inside the building, wheelchair ramps, etc.) some of the schools are held in the basement of "mainstream" Amish schools, or in other outbuildings. In actuality, the number is probably far greater today as awareness and acceptance continues to grow.

Amish teachers who feel called to serve the community in teaching at special needs schools in Pennsylvania are sent to training sessions four times a year. The training schedule typically follows this schedule:

2:00 p.m. Bell Time
Singing
Teacher Count
Arithmetic
Safety Plans
Time Management
Working with Down's [Syndrome]
Spelling
Parent Experiences
Speech Therapy
Teaching Penmanship
Suppertime, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Questions and Answers
Closing – 6:30 p.m.



History of Special Schools & Clinics by Christian G. Esh can be found at the Gordonville Bookstore, see their ad on page 31.

In all, the special schools appear to be successful in helping special needs children among the Amish reach their full potential within the community, whatever that may be. Limitations are real, and they can't be ignored, but to the extent each youth is able to learn, the teachers strive to help them get there.

Most of the information in this article was gleaned from a book I purchased at Gordonville Bookstore by Christian G. Esh of Gordonville PA, titled "History of Special Schools and Clinics" (Self-Published, 2017.) As an Amish man who raised a special needs son, and was highly involved in developing special schools in the Lancaster PA area, Mr. Esh clearly desired to document this subject for many families to benefit from in years ahead. His poem, thanking those special needs teachers who ministered to his son, is a fitting wrap-up to the subject:

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Who will understand shortcomings,
And the simple childish play.
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Mother's time is short today,
Who has time to educate him,
To give life a hopeful ray?

Now we have a place to send them,
Lord to thee we give all praise!
As our hearts were deeply troubled,
So we now see brighter days.
In special schools these children learn
Decent and respectful ways,
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As you taught these little angels,
Special Children as your own,
God reward your love and labor,
When you stand before his throne.
Time has flown, the term is ending,
Oh! to make our feelings known.
Please accept a heartfelt "Thank you,"
For your love and kindness shown.



Welcome to the Village of *Bird-in-Hand*



The Bird-in-Hand area has many authentic Amish bakeries. The Countryside Road Stand along Stumptown Road is a favorite not only for sweets but also for canned goods."

Of the many unique village names that dot the Amish Country map, one of the more interesting is Bird-in-Hand.

The story of the town of Bird-in-Hand is as colorful as the name itself. To be correct, the town is really a village, since it has no governing body. When Bird-in-Hand celebrated its 250th Anniversary (1734 – 1984), a commemorative booklet was put together. It outlined a brief history of the town...

The area's first inhabitants were, of course, the Native American Indians, in this case the Shawnees and the Conestogas. Indeed, local farmers have unearthed tomahawks and arrowheads.

William Penn, an English Quaker, had founded the colony of Penn's Woods (Pennsylvania), and settlers began arriving from Europe in the early 1700's, moving westward from the port city of Philadelphia. English Quakers and Swiss Mennonites were the early settlers, but over the years, the Germans "made

the greatest lasting impact." James Smith was the first of the Quakers known to have settled in the area, arriving by the year 1715. The Quakers built a meetinghouse and two-story academy, which stands today, next to the fire company.

A friendly relationship existed between the Indians and the early settlers. The Indians taught them how to deaden trees, use deerskin, prepare corn as food, and use medicinal herbs. But as the white settlement grew, there was less hunting available, and many Indians became peddlers or beggars.

"When the Old Philadelphia Pike became a well-established route of transportation for those traveling west to the Alleghenies,

Lancaster became known as the gateway to the west." The trip by stagecoach for passengers, or Conestoga wagon with freight and merchandise, lasted several days. Inns were built every few miles, identified with signs held by an iron pole or attached to the side of the building.

The reason for these signs was twofold. First, they could be understood by all nationalities. Most travelers were either English or German-speaking people, but other languages were not uncommon. Secondly, many teamsters or wagoners were poorly educated and could

not read. If they were given orders to stop at a certain inn, they could do so by recognizing the artwork on the signboard. Some of the signs hanging along the Old Philadelphia Pike other than Bird-in-Hand were The Ship, The Wagon, The Plough, The Buck, White Horse, Black horse, The Hat and others.

The old legend of the naming of Bird-in-Hand concerns the time when the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out between Lancaster and Philadelphia. By 1734, road surveyors were making McNabb's hotel, built by pioneer landowners William and Dorothy McNabb, their headquarters rather than returning to Lancaster every day for lodging.

Legend says that two road surveyors were discussing whether they should stay at their present location or go to the town of Lancaster to spend the night. One of them said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," and so they remained. The sign in front of the inn is known to have once "portrayed a man with a bird in his hand and a bush nearby, in which two birds were perched," and soon was known as the Bird-in-Hand Inn.

"The last hand-painted sign featuring the bird in hand was done by Benjamin Elmer Leaman and his artwork merely portrayed a bird in a hand." Variations of this sign appear throughout the town today. Some residents might say that the bird nestled in the human hand indicates friendship, comfort, and hospitality.

The original hotel was destroyed by fire about 1851. By the following year, a three-story hotel was built to replace it by Benjamin Groff. It was auctioned off for \$8,457 in 1853, and over the years has had several owners. In the early 1900's, there were foxhunts from the hotel, as well as horse and cow sales.

More recently, it was Bitzer's Hotel before becoming the present Village Inn of Bird-in-Hand, a beautiful bed and breakfast property. The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County said that the existing brick building "may be one of the few 19th century inns in the context of a small town in Lancaster County, which survives with a high degree of architectural integrity." It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Of course, with all the wagon traffic on the pike, milestones were placed along the road to help travelers with distances. One of them still can be seen just west of the village toward Smoketown. Since Bird-in-Hand is 60 miles from Philadelphia and about 6 miles from Lancaster, the stone marker reads "60 to P, 6 to L." This was chiseled deep into the stone, supposedly so that those traveling at night could feel the lettering and know their location, even without a light.

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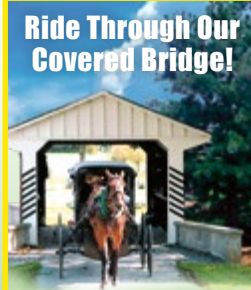
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The Bird-in-Hand Mill, built by James Gibbons in 1770 at the west end of town, "is probably the oldest mill in Lancaster County that is still being used" commercially, now known as Nolt's Mill. The datestone in the wall has the misspelled word "biult," perhaps an error made by a local German.

Gibbons and Brubaker were important names in the town's history. Quaker activists, the Gibbonses operated the primary Underground Railroad "station" for slaves escaping from the South. It is said that Hannah and Daniel Gibbons helped about 1,000 slaves. "A single tap on the window at night indicated to everyone in the family that a fugitive was there. The escapees were taken to the barn and

in the morning brought to the house separately," where each was given a new identity.

The year 1834 marked the beginning of construction of the 86-mile Pennsylvania Railroad line between Philadelphia and Columbia. Bird-in-Hand, with its tanneries, feed mills, coal and lumberyards, was the most important stop on the Lancaster to Coatesville section. "Different contractors each built two miles of track. The first track had no wooden ties, but rather huge stone blocks were laid about 20 feet apart and a wooden beam was laid between them. A piece of light iron track was then spiked to the beam. One could take a stagecoach, change the wheels, and put it on the tracks and pick up passengers." Horses were



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used to pull the cars. In 1836 a second track was laid and locomotives began pulling the cars. Horses were banned ten years later.

The Railroad Hotel, built in 1835 at Beechdale Road, was one of the largest buildings in town, with 32 rooms to accommodate the workers constructing the Pennsylvania Railroad. (It was torn down in 1934.) It was the scene, in 1917, of a memorable incident. A man visited the tavern with his pet dancing bear. Both were served quite a bit of alcohol by the patrons. Eventually the bear got drunk and had to be locked in the basement!

Well into the 1900's, everything from flowers to live ducks were shipped from the village to large cities by the railroad. As late as the 1950's, mail was "hung from a long arm and caught by a moving train."

Resident Reuben Myers told this story... "Trains often developed hot axles or wheels when they became defective or ran out of grease. When we saw a smoking axle, we stood along the tracks and held our noses. This was a signal to the engineer or brakeman to warn them of the problem."

Even with a bridge over the tracks, there were fatalities and an underpass was dug so that the main street would go under the train tracks. It opened in 1928. To this day, road traffic goes under the train tracks on Route 340.

While there is no passenger service today, "as late as 1975 the train would stop to let off the New York rabbi who killed the chickens at the Empire Kosher Poultry Company in Bird-in-Hand."

Some of the other interesting businesses around the village over the years have included a Christmas tree plantation, archery targets, potato chips, dried corn, ceramics, wagons, carriages, and ducks...Oram David Brubaker and his wife Marianna went to California in 1903, bought 35 white Peking ducks, and the Brubaker Duck Farm began. It operated until 1961. Feathers were sold to the New York hotels for pillow stuffing, while the dressed ducks were packed in ice and sent to large cities. By 1949, 120,000 ducks were produced, and in the final years 100,000 turkeys added. The farm in the 1930's was something of a tourist attraction, as "people drove to the farm from all over to see the great white ocean of quaking birds."

The town post office was established in 1836 as the Enterprise Post Office. "Enterprise" was then the official name of the town, until the final change back to Bird-in-Hand in 1873.

After a large fire in 1896, people discussed the need for a fire company. In the early days, hitting a circular saw alerted the men of a fire. The year 1916 saw the change from horse-drawn to motorized fire equipment. Today

the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company remains a volunteer organization, famous for its delicious fund-raiser dinners.

The town of Bird-in-Hand remained relatively unknown until a musical called PLAIN & FANCY opened in New York. "Plain Betsy," a play by Marion Bucher Weaver of Columbia, inspired the Broadway musical. The cast was brought to Bird-in-Hand on January 17, 1955, prior to the official opening. The show Playbill noted that "The action takes place in and around Bird-in-Hand, a town in the Amish country of Pennsylvania." The musical opened with a large map of Lancaster County, pinpointing its unusual town names, like Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. As the show begins, we meet two sophisticated New Yorkers who have come to Lancaster to sell a farm they have inherited. They are now lost, and in the big opening number ask the locals for directions --- "Where the heck is Bird-in-Hand?"

Today, the town of Bird-in-Hand is still small, said to have a population of only about 300 people. On any given day, there may be more visitors than inhabitants. Many are city folks who have come to enjoy the country atmosphere, history, and shopping. It is said that visitors "can still expect friendly shopkeepers, homegrown Lancaster County foods, and restful lodging for weary travelers." 

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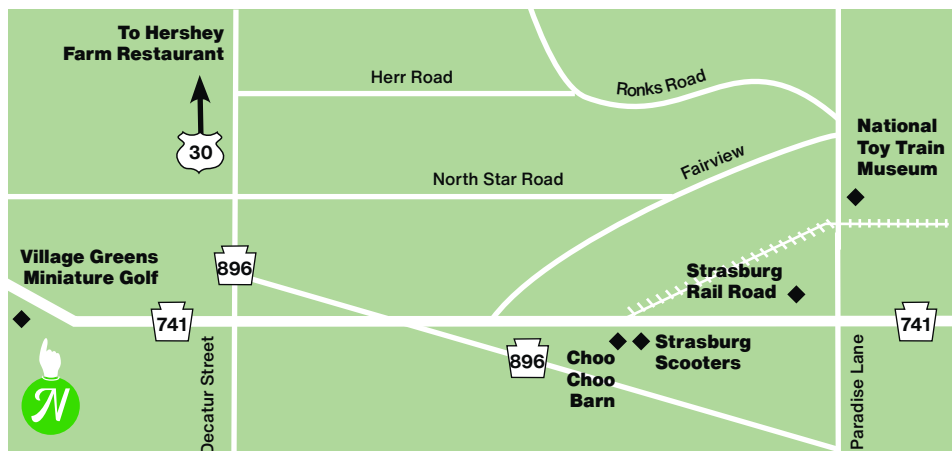


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Strasburg, named for the city in France, was actually "founded" by a Frenchman, Pierre Bezaillon, who traded with the Delaware Indians. The story goes he came to the area in 1693, as French fur traders opened up the first path through this area from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna River.

As early as 1716, when the first wagon was used for hauling goods, the path became known as the Conestoga Road, and the wagons that traveled them eventually became known as Conestoga Wagons. Main Street Strasburg was developed during the next half century as traffic on this road increased considerably and the first log houses appeared in the village about 1733.

Strasburg continued to flourish in the 18th century primarily because of its location along the major wagon routes between Philadelphia, Lancaster, and the Susquehanna River.

As Strasburg flourished, so did its neighbor to the east, Philadelphia. The commercial

interests of Philadelphia pressured the State Legislature to improve the transportation network into their city. As a result, a series of canals along with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Roads were constructed. Strasburg residents became alarmed at the possibility of losing their commercial position and there soon emerged a charter for the Strasburg Rail Road to construct a rail line connecting Strasburg with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road main line near Paradise. Finally in the 1850's, trains were hauling freight and passengers.

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No Pictures, Please!

Don't ask an Amish person to pose for a picture. If asked, most will politely refuse. It is against the convictions of our Amish neighbors to have their pictures taken, except in very special situations. Please respect this belief and do not take photos without permission, just as you would like to have your beliefs respected.

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No Trespassing

Do not trespass onto private Amish property for a “closer look.” Amish homes are not museums, and Amish people are not exhibits. Please respect their property and privacy as you would like others to respect your own. You can get a good sense of Amish life at many area visitor attractions and on guided tours.

Waving

Do not be offended if the Amish do not wave back to your friendly gesture. With all the people who wave to them throughout a day, they would be waving back all day if they did!

A Final Word

Remember that the Amish are not on vacation and are not costumed actors. They are real people going about their daily lives. They are not here to serve as tour guides or attractions for visitors. This, after all, is their home, so please respect their beliefs and lifestyle. 

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built more than two hundred years ago. In the early 18th century, John Wallace built a small building in Earl Town at the intersection of two Native trails, French Creek Path (now Route 23) and Paxtang (Route 322). He hung a blue ball out front from a post and called it "The Sign of the Blue Ball." Locals soon began calling the town "Blue Ball" after the inn, and in 1833, Earl Town officially became Blue Ball. Continuing west, you will arrive in the town of New Holland.

start. Traveling land agents for William Penn's new colony found willing ears. In addition to complete religious freedom and a peaceful existence, Penn offered cheap land. The stated price was 100 English pounds for 5,000 acres. (At today's rate exchange, this would be less than \$.06 an acre, plus a small annual "quit rent.") By the year 1702, a goodly number of Palatinates had immigrated to Pennsylvania, and Queen Anne, newly reigning in England, was delighted that Penn was colonizing his immense grant without drawing off the population of Britain.

The area now called New Holland was practically covered by virgin forests—sturdy timber of oak, ash, chestnut, and walnut. By 1728, William Penn, had been dead for 10 years and his American colony, called Pennsylvania and was being administered by a proprietary governor while the sale of land was formalized by patent deeds.

Naming the Town

In 1729 the Proprietary Legislature started to establish inland counties, and the following year Lancaster County was divided into 17 townships. Because the first settler in this general area was at Groffdale, the township was named after him, with the English equivalent of his German name which is Earl. Consequently the settlement was referred to as "Earltown." Michael Diffenderfer named his real estate development New Design in 1750. In 1802 when a post office was established and an official name was necessary, there was no dissension to naming the town New Holland.

The Dutch assistance is thought to have included funds to cover the cost of the refugee German immigrants' ocean voyage. It was no small matter when the alternative was indentured service for a period of years. For adults, indenture frequently meant four to seven years without pay. Minors served until their 21st birthday. But William Penn's Quaker Pennsylvania was a liberation compared to the Europe they fled. Except for the Netherlands, there was no other country

New Holland's European Background

The unstable situation in Europe in the late 1600's spawned and nurtured the pioneer interest in the deep forest lands of Pennsylvania—60 miles inland from Philadelphia. In 1681 William Penn received his 40,000 square-mile land grant to settle King Charles' debt to his father. Being a Quaker, William Penn had experienced religious persecution firsthand, and decided to establish his American colony on the idealistic basis of complete religious freedom.

This entire century had been one of continued misery for the peasants of the Palatinate (western Germany). The Thirty Years War has raged across the area with barbaric ruthlessness. Some towns were burned out two or three separate times during the period. The peasant inhabitants fled to nearby Holland for refuge. And within a decade of the end of that conflict, King Louis XIV of France started a new religious war in the same general area.

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eggs killing many small animals. During the very hard winter of 1780 twenty inches of ice formed on the ponds, and the ears of sheep and cattle had frozen.

Public Roads—Legends vs. Facts

New Holland was laid out as a "street town" in the typical European style of having the villagers live in a central location along both sides of the street, but each having an outlying plot of land to cultivate in addition to his trade as a craftsman. Even today, the main street of New Holland has major "kinks" or bends in it. Unsympathetic visitors claim it looks as if the town were built along a "cow path." If one looks with a discerning eye, the street also follows the high ground. The land on the ridge was the driest and in winter it would be blown clear of much of the snow. These settlers made the obvious facts of nature work for them rather than against them.

Surveying as practiced in the 1700's was not a precise craft. The records show that the Horse Shoe Road was 1 of only 3 public roads in early Lancaster County. (Today it's mostly Route 23.) It was surveyed in 1737 to connect Lancaster with the Coventry Iron works in Chester County. But in 1795, when Earl Township supervisors had it resurveyed, they found the correct location where it passed through New Holland was somewhat to the south of the existing Main Street. Furthermore, through the town itself the roadway was only 33 feet wide instead of the 50 feet supposedly specified. The town citizens appealed to the County Court for relief, which was granted, so the Horse Shoe Road through New Holland was accepted as it existed in fact, and the maps were changed



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New Holland is a charming small town similar to many small towns in rural America. The strength of New Holland lies in its people, who "want to be free to work hard, strive for excellence, and have a pride in their rich heritage." 

that offered complete freedom of religion, assembly and speech to all.

The village founders were German, not Dutch. They were surrounded by English and Welsh Quakers, Episcopalians, a few Swiss-German Mennonites and some Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. The Amish arrived later.

Tribulations of the Settlers

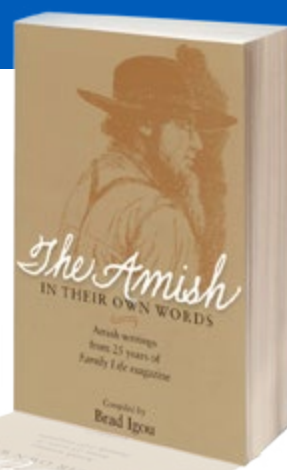
Although these pioneer settlers of found all they had hoped for in peaceful existence and freedom of worship, it should not be thought that this was necessarily a land of "milk and honey." There were many hardships during these early years. Swarms of locusts ravaged the area in 1732. Severe earthquakes were active throughout eastern Pennsylvania in 1737. Two successive seasons of poor crops (1750-51) followed by three years of drought (1752-54). A hailstorm in 1763 dropped hailstones as large as turkey

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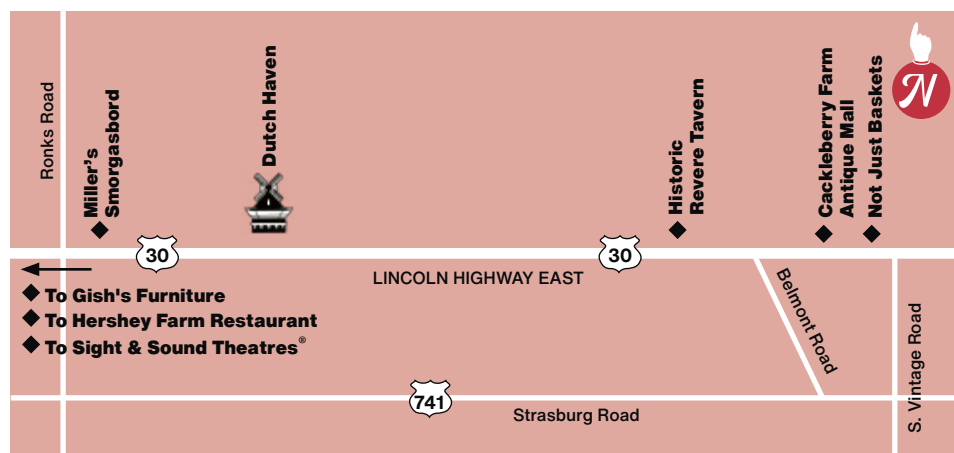
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The story of Paradise and its first settlers goes all the way back to Europe, to the area of the Palatinate in Germany. Here many Protestants settled following the declaration of King Louis XIV that all Protestants in France would be persecuted. With fears of invasion by the army of France looming, many of these people decided to accept the invitation to settle in William Penn's colony of Penn's Woods in the New World. In 1708, Daniel Fierre (Ferree), along with his family and mother Mary, went to England to obtain citizenship papers before proceeding to New York.

By 1712, these French Huguenot settlers had secured land in Pennsylvania, in Lancaster's Pequea Valley. They were the first white people in the area and lived peaceably with chief Tanawa and the local Indians. Mary Fierre died four years later at the age of 63. Hers became the first grave in the family's cemetery. If you ride the Strasburg Rail Road, the "Road to Paradise," you will pass her grave site at Carpenter's Cemetery, one of Lancaster's oldest. (Not surprisingly, some people also credit Mary Ferree with naming Paradise.)

Later on, Joel Ferree, who some say was involved in the development of the Pennsylvania Rifle, gained some fame for his gun shop during the Revolutionary War. Responding to a letter from a committee that included Benjamin Franklin, he decided to enlarge his shop "to promote my Business and to serve my Country in the Common Cause," hoping to double his weekly production of 15 to 20 gun barrels.

It should be noted that David Witmer, Sr. "is credited with the naming of the town of Paradise... Members of his own family criticized him for selecting the name 'Paradise' when he could have used 'Pequea' or 'Tanawa,' in honor of the Native American chief." David was apparently a friend of George Washington, and also a supervisor of a section of the Lancaster-Philadelphia Turnpike.

It was this road that was so important to the development of the village itself. The origins of



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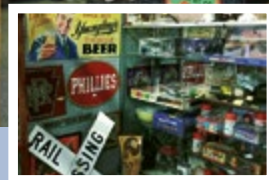
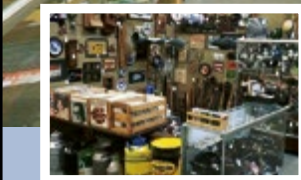
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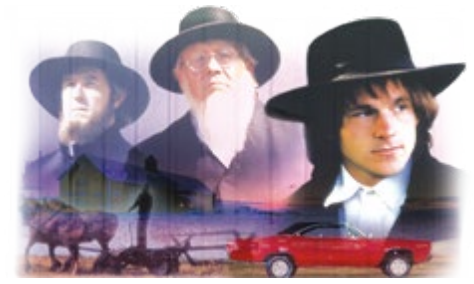


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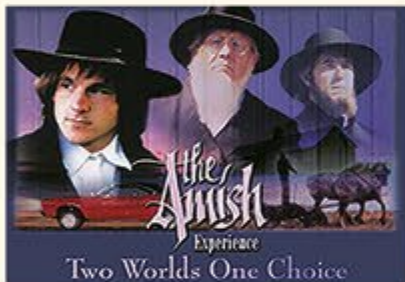


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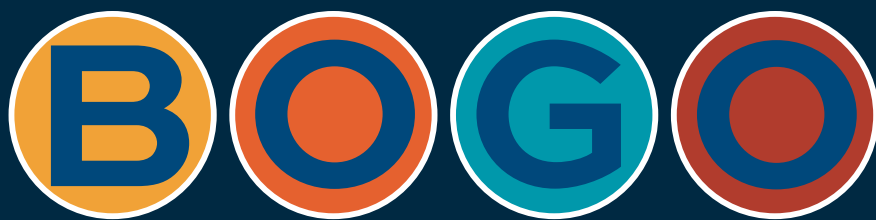
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“reasonable” tolls from users. Investors received dividends earned from the tolls collected along the nine gates of the turnpike. (As the toll was paid, the gate or “pike” was turned, hence the term “turnpike.”) To prevent travelers from evading tolls, the number of gates was later increased to thirteen.

The 1792 Act described the construction of the highway, which was to be a bed of small crushed stones on top with larger stones underneath, rather than dirt, so as to prevent carriage wheels from cutting into the soil. Such a revolutionary system of road construction combined the ideas recently developed by a Frenchman and two Englishmen, one of whom was named John McAdam. We now take the term for paved roads or “macadam” from his last name. The turnpike officially opened in 1795 and was the first long-distance, hard-surfaced road in the country.

Originating in the Conestoga Valley of Lancaster County, the Conestoga wagon made an important contribution to the commerce and progress of our young nation. With patriotic red running gear, white canopy, and blue body, the wagon traveled the turnpike and rural roads from the late 1700’s to the mid-1800’s. The Conestoga wagon drivers often smoked thin, long cigars made from Lancaster County tobacco. These cigars were nicknamed “stogies,” a shortened version of Conestoga. Another bit of lore associated with the wagons is why Americans drive their cars on the right side of the road. The lead horse was kept to the left of the Conestoga wagon, and the teamsters walked or rode on the left side. Therefore, the drivers always passed other wagons headed the same direction on the left side.

Of course, taverns and stagecoach shops grew up along the turnpike for the weary travelers (and horses) making the trip. Of these, the Revere Tavern still proudly stands today. Dating back to 1740, the stone building that was the “stage tavern” was called the “Sign of the Spread Eagle.” It was one of the better inns along the 62 miles of turnpike, and catered to the more prosperous class of travelers, providing fine liquors and fine foods in generous portions to satisfy the hearty appetites generated by a long day riding a rocking, jolting stagecoach.

Almost a century later, in 1841, the tavern would become the residence of Reverend Edward V. Buchanan and his wife Eliza Foster Buchanan, while the Reverend established and served as the pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church in Paradise.

Eliza, his wife, was the sister of Stephen Foster, whose immortal songs will always be a part of America. Foster not only penned some of his music at the tavern, but sent many of his

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There's No Place Quite Like

Lititz



Walk downtown Lititz to drop in on many shops, restaurants, breweries and wineries.

As was the case with other persecuted religious groups in Europe, many Moravians sought freedom by taking the perilous journey to the New World, arriving in the early 1700's, with the main settlements becoming established in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Missionary work was integral to the faith, and preachers were sent from the Moravian community in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Zinzendorf himself arrived in America in 1742. A local resident, John Klein (Kline), was so moved by hearing Zinzendorf's preaching that he made arrangements to transfer his lands over to the Moravian community in 1755. It was in the following year that the town

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There really is no place quite like Lititz, and everyone should plan to spend some time there while in Amish Country.

Lititz Springs Park is a popular spot for locals, and the site for many community activities. Indeed, the town's 4th of July Celebration, begun in 1818, is reputedly the "oldest continuing community-wide observance in the United States." Historians say the springs are what brought Indians to the area. Spearheads have been found nearby, dating back to perhaps 6,000 B.C. A recent local journal states that "Main Street was traveled by human beings for at least 10,000 years."

When you come to Lititz, you'll want to travel Main Street, too. A good place to begin is The Lititz Museum and Historical Foundation, which can be reached at 717.627.4636. The museum is one of the most tastefully and professionally arranged town museums you are likely to see anywhere. The exhibit rooms will give you background on the town's history, from its founding in 1756. Visitors are usually amazed at the two parquet clocks, made by resident Rudolf S. Carpenter in the early 1900's. The larger of the two consists of over 50,000 pieces of wood!

Admission to the museum includes a tour of the nearby Johannes Mueller House, for a look at life in old Lititz. The house is practically unchanged from its completion in 1792. For visitors interested in the town's historic structures, the Foundation also has an excellent walking tour brochure.

The Lititz story is tied to that of the Moravian faith in Bohemia. It was in the present-day Czech Republic that John Hus and followers founded the Moravian Church in 1457. Historians note that since this was 60 years before Luther's Reformation, the Moravians may lay claim to being the oldest organized Protestant Church. But over the course of the Thirty Years War, its 200,000 members nearly disappeared. In the 18th century, a renewal of the Moravian Church came through the patronage of Count Zinzendorf of Saxony. He invited all those persecuted for their faith to come to his lands in Saxony.



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In August 2019, Old Colony Mennonite Support conducted its annual “School Seminars” on the northern Mennonite colonies in Mexico. These seminars provide teaching for parents and youth on colonies which utilize Old Colony Mennonite Support’s volunteer teachers. Seminars were held in five colonies, with several hundred parents and youth in attendance. I had the opportunity to go along on this trip and taught two topics each day on the themes of Biblical stewardship and family financial management.

Thousands of Mennonites live in large colonies in Mexico. Their historical journey is an epic tale of migration. From northern Germany, their ancestors were invited to the steppes of Russia in the 1700s. Lured by promises of good land and religious freedom, large Mennonite colonies formed in what is today Ukraine. When these promises were broken in the late 1800s, these Mennonites began relocating to Canada. The colonies in Russia were finally destroyed in the tumultuous years of the Bolshevik Revolution, communism, and World War II. About

one-third of the Mennonite population was unable to escape from Russia. From Canada, many Mennonites moved on to Mexico. Some of the new colonies struggle economically in Mexico, but they retain their strong German and Mennonite heritages. Their educational system, in particular, suffered under years of neglect, culminating in a generation which found it difficult to read their German language Bibles. People who cannot read the Scripture in their own language will then struggle spiritually.

Old Colony Mennonite Support (OCMS) is an Amish mission organization with its roots in Holmes County, Ohio. OCMS sends Amish and conservative Mennonite teachers to the Mennonite colonies in Mexico to mentor the Old Colony Mennonite Church teachers. Thousands of Mennonite students in Mexico are now being influenced by these volunteers. Church and community life are experiencing revival with this renewed focus on reading and the Scriptures.

I could share many memories about the school seminar trip. Enjoyable travel companions made bumpy roads bearable and filled evenings with laughter, stories, and walks in the sunset. “Faspa” – the inevitable afternoon snack – introduced new delights to my diet and packed a few more pounds on each of us. People make the most lasting impressions. These ranged from overworked, sad-faced elders to energetic, young ministers

to reserved, shy children. The children, of course, turned out to be exceedingly normal after you got them to laugh the first time.

But, I wish to tell you about Adam. Adam is just a little fellow of about eight years old. He doesn’t enjoy quite all of the advantages you experience. First, Adam cannot see. He is not quite blind. Light and darkness he can discern, albeit only at very close distances. His teacher, Miss Martha, seats him alongside her desk. He does his schoolwork with a machine that greatly magnifies his worksheets and sharpens the contrasts between white and black. Peering at the screen from inches away, he can make out the letters and numbers. His work is discouraging, but Adam tries. On the playground, Adam is quite handicapped. The other children are not intentionally unkind, but you can understand how it works out. In the heat of play, remembering Adam and including him is often forgotten. Everyone wishes to win, and it is harder to win if Adam is on your side. So, Miss Martha bought a ball which made noise as it moves. That helped for a while (until it quit making noises). At least, he had a chance to know where the ball was. The world swirls around Adam in lively activity, and he stands in the middle, lost...a prisoner to handicaps he didn’t choose to have. Martha looks out for him. He in return sticks close by his “Amish” teacher and friend.

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actually got the name of Lititz, the German spelling for Lidice, where European Moravian reformers had taken refuge in 15th century.

In addition to mission work, music and education were important to the Moravians. In fact, the Lititz schoolhouse erected in 1746 marked the beginnings of what was to be Linden Hall, the oldest continuously operating residence school for girls in the United States.

For about a hundred years, Moravian church members were the only people permitted to live in the town. A Brothers' House and Sisters' House were erected for the unmarried men and women, although they did not live communally. It was not until 1855 that non-Moravians were allowed to own their own houses. The Brothers' House played a role in the American Revolution. George Washington ordered it used as a military hospital between 1777-78. Some 1,000 soldiers were nursed here, about half of whom died and were buried nearby.

Two names are linked forever with the history of Lititz—Sturgis and Sutter. It was Julius Sturgis who opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in the New World in Lititz. The year was 1861, and the site at 219 East Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places.

A tour of the bakery is unlike any other. Inside, you get to try your hand at pretzel twisting. It's not as easy as it looks. Guests also may see the old brick bake ovens, as well as the more modern facilities. The bakery can be reached at 717-626-4354.

John Sutter was born in Switzerland and in 1834, fleeing creditors in Europe, arrived in New York. In time, he headed west and sailed up the Sacramento River to begin a settlement. By 1848, work was being done on a mill when some gold flakes were spotted in the water. Soon Gold Rush fever struck and Sutter's land was overrun. Because of his need to be near Washington, D.C. while seeking reimbursement for his lost lands, the Sutters stayed one summer at the Springs Hotel in Lititz. They decided to settle there, and promptly bought a home and placed their children in school. The hotel once named the General Sutter Inn, is now known as the Bull's Head Inn. The Sutter home built in 1871 is across the street at 19 East Main Street.

It was in a Washington hotel room where Sutter died in 1880, still involved in unsuccessful attempts at redress from the government for his seized lands. Sutter, a Lutheran, was buried in the Moravian cemetery, normally reserved for Moravian church members. 

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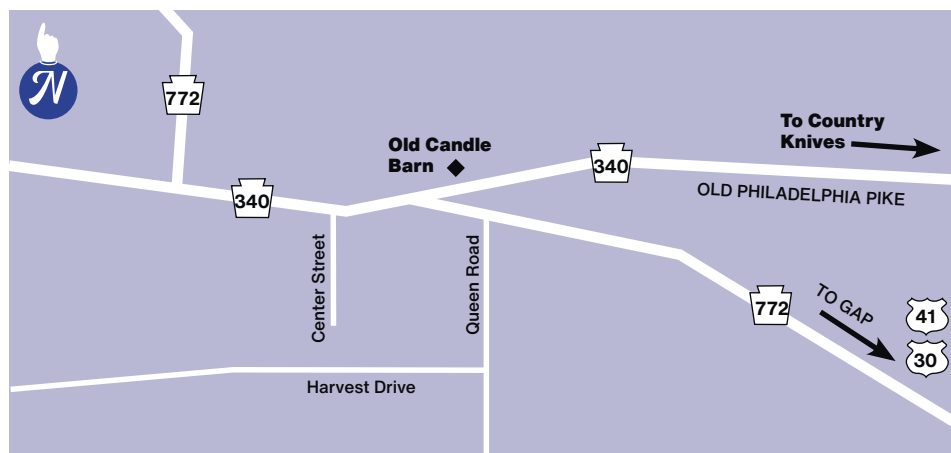
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It's More Than a Name. Intercourse



Probably no other town in Amish Country can claim its fame is owed largely to one simple thing --- its name. For years people have sent letters home with the name stamped boldly on the envelope... Intercourse, PA. There are several explanations for the name, and they are woven into the brief history that follows.

In the beginning, of course, there was very little here, just settlers arriving in the New World from Europe. Back around 1730, the Old Provincial Highway (or Old Philadelphia Pike, Route 340) was laid out to connect Philadelphia with the inland town of Lancaster. Conestoga wagons, pulled by six to eight horses, hauled supplies and freight back and forth between the two cities. Providing rest for travelers and horses, taverns sprouted along the way, becoming centers for news, gossip, and business transactions.

And that is how the town got started when the first building, a log tavern, was constructed in 1754. The Newport Road, a former Indian trail, came from Newport, Delaware to the south, and it is believed that because of these intersecting roads the tavern took "Cross Keys" as its name.

That was true at least until 1814, when it was named Intercourse in a real estate scheme to establish a more sizable town. George Brungard had acquired 48 acres of land north of the roads in 1813. He attempted to lay out a town site and divide it into sections for sale by a lottery, advertising "151 handsome building lots of \$250 each to be drawn for by number."

The newspaper advertisement stressed "the great importance of so many turnpikes and great leading roads intersecting at and near this place." As one writer has noted, in those days "intercourse had a common usage



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referring to the pleasant mutual fellowship and frequent intermingling which was so much more common in the informal atmosphere of the quiet country village of that day."

And this brings us to yet another theory on the town's name. From the east end of town, on a mile long straightaway, horse races were conducted. Since the races began at that end of town, this was the "Enter Course," and this

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name eventually became Intercourse. Indeed, a postal historian, Arthur B. Gregg claims that the town's name was actually changed from "Entercourse" to "Intercourse," and notes that "there was no hesitancy on the part of the United States Post office Department to accept the name 'Intercourse' since it meant a commercial or trading site."

But back to our story and Brungard's scheme. Although lotteries had been used for many years to sell various things, his real estate lottery failed, and most of the land was combined into one tract. More recently, in 1971, another person tried to take advantage of the town's name and sell one-inch square plots of property to visitors. This plan proved to be a flop as well.

In the old days, there were only five houses, counting the inn, and the town grew slowly. But by 1880, Intercourse had 54 homes and a population of 280. Communications improved with the arrival of the post office, and later the telephone.

Getting the first post office up and running was a difficult matter. The main problem was finding a building and someone willing to perform the duties of a postmaster. The first, Benjamin Fraim, performed his duties from the Cross Keys Tavern, and may have had a job working there, since "his income, based on a percentage of the postal transactions for the year ending 1829 was only \$8.21." Over the years the post office moved among stores or restaurants whose owners hoped visits by residents would increase their business.

The local stagecoach service apparently started around 1898. It was "a single horse conveyance similar to a market wagon, with a roll-up curtain and double set of seats." The stagecoach brought items from Lancaster City for local Intercourse businesses, and even picked up milk, butter, and eggs for delivery to Lancaster restaurants and industries, including an ice cream plant. One history of Intercourse notes that when it snowed, a bobsled was used instead. "When the driver knew of passengers beforehand, their comfort was added to by many a hot brick heated the night before in the oven, and wrapped in newspaper to preserve its warmth."

As the days of the dirt road drew to a close, so too did the stagecoach days with the Rowe Motor Truck service started by Coleman Diller in 1910. In 1923 the Penn Highway Transit Company was organized and initiated bus service to Lancaster. It is noted that "many of the Amish residents of the area were anxious to see the line started, but did not care to subscribe to stock. Instead they liberally bought books of tickets which were really prepaid bus fares." By 1924 enough



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Perhaps the biggest date in Intercourse town history was November Election Day, 1892. Folks arrived at the Cross Keys Tavern, still the social center of town and the place to cast ballots. The political events were soon overshadowed by a cry of "Fire!" A barn fire, possibly started by children playing with matches, soon went out of control. Bells rang and volunteers with buckets came running, but the wind blew sparks to other buildings and the fire spread. Barns, warehouses, homes, and the town store were soon in flames. One story claims the store's watchdog refused to leave its post and died in the fire. People tried

to salvage what they could, piling things along the road. One family cut off the legs of their Grand Piano to remove it from the house. Nearly twenty years later, in 1911, the residents finally formed the Intercourse Fire Company.

There have been some interesting organizations in the town's history. One of these was the Horse Thief Association of 1870. Annual membership cost 25 cents and rewards were offered. Another was the Intercourse Glider Club, formed in 1931. They bought a glider, and self-taught themselves to fly after being launched via shock-cord or pulled by a car. It is said that in exchange for storing the glider in the firehouse, they polished the fire engine brass.



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Zimmerman's gained fame when Harrison Ford made a phone call from its porch in the movie WITNESS. In the old days, there was lots of trading, with farmers exchanging items like hides, butter, and even soap for store merchandise. April 1st was the yearly date when each party paid the other whatever the balance was in the exchanges of the year. On more than one occasion the store ended

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Here in Lancaster County, over 39,000 Amish (pronounced Ah-mish, not Ai-mish) serve as living reminders of a quieter time, a time when the horse and buggy was the mode of transportation and families lived and died in the same small communities.

The first Amish, so named for Jakob Ammann, arrived in Lancaster County and nearby Berks and Chester counties in the early 1700s to take part in William Penn's "Holy Experiment" of religious freedom.

Originally called Anabaptists, they came to America from Europe to escape religious persecution by both Protestants and Catholics. The county is now home to three Anabaptist groups called the Amish, Mennonite and Brethren.

In 1525, after the Reformation, a group of Swiss Brethren felt that only adults should be baptized. They met secretly in a member's home and confirmed their faith by re-baptizing each other as adults, even though they had been baptized as infants in the state church. Thus, they became known as Anabaptists, which means re-baptizers.

Because of their beliefs in adult baptism, non-violence, and separation of church and state, they were viewed as "radicals," and thousands were tortured and killed in the following years. Nevertheless, the religion spread into other areas of Europe.

In time, the different Anabaptist groups became known as Mennists or Mennonites, after the greatest of the Anabaptist leaders, Menno Simons.

It was in the late 1600's that Ammann broke away to form a group that more strictly adhered to the founding beliefs and practices of the first Anabaptists.

The differences between the various Amish, Mennonite, and Brethren groups are in their interpretations of the Bible, their uses of modern technologies such as automobiles and electricity, the values they place on education, their uses of English, and their degrees of interaction with outsiders.

The Amish believe that "worldliness" keeps one from being close to God, so they choose to live without many modern conveniences and technology, such as cars, television, videos, etc. Rather than use electricity, they have bottled gas stoves and refrigerators.

They do not live in seclusion from the rest of the world. Amish farms can be seen interspersed with modern farms throughout the countryside, and there is much daily interaction between the Amish and the non-Amish ("English") community.

Contrary to popular belief, the Amish do not live the same way they did 300 years ago. They have adopted many things to make life easier, but are careful not to accept new technology without considering its effects on their family and community lifestyle. 



up with too much of an item, and sometimes excess soap and rags were sold to the Lancaster County Prison. Over the years, the store had the town's first mechanical refrigeration, first radio set, and first gasoline pump.

To give you an idea of how the uses of a building changed, the current Country Crossings shop was formerly an International Harvester dealership, barbershop, income tax business, and hardware store.

Just as stores changes, so did occupations. John Bearn, for example, was a village baker, restaurant owner, postmaster, justice of the peace, and electrical inspector!

Since the town never really got to be "too large," it has retained much of its sense of

community, from the little public library in a former one-room school to the volunteer fire company. Surrounded by farms, the town has grown little and retains much of its former charm, even when thousands of visitors descend upon it during the tourist season.

Many residents and visitors enjoy the atmosphere of this small town, a place where family, community, religion, and hard work are still important values.

The village of Intercourse has certainly changed over the years, but it has changed slowly, and "sometimes the things that grow the slowest are the ones that endure the longest." 

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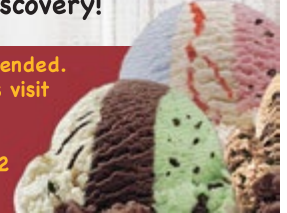
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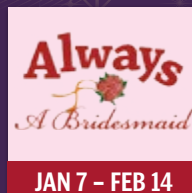


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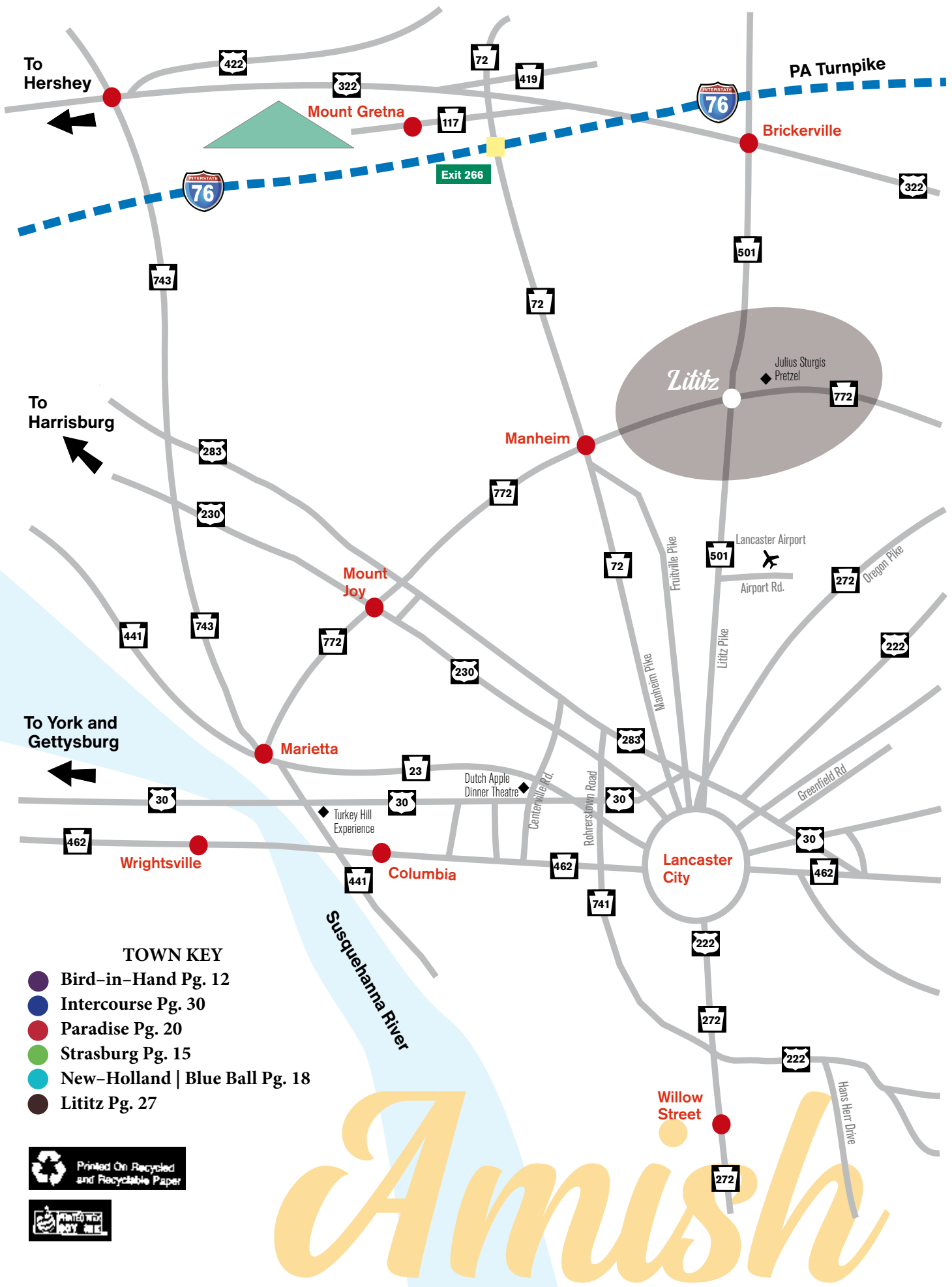


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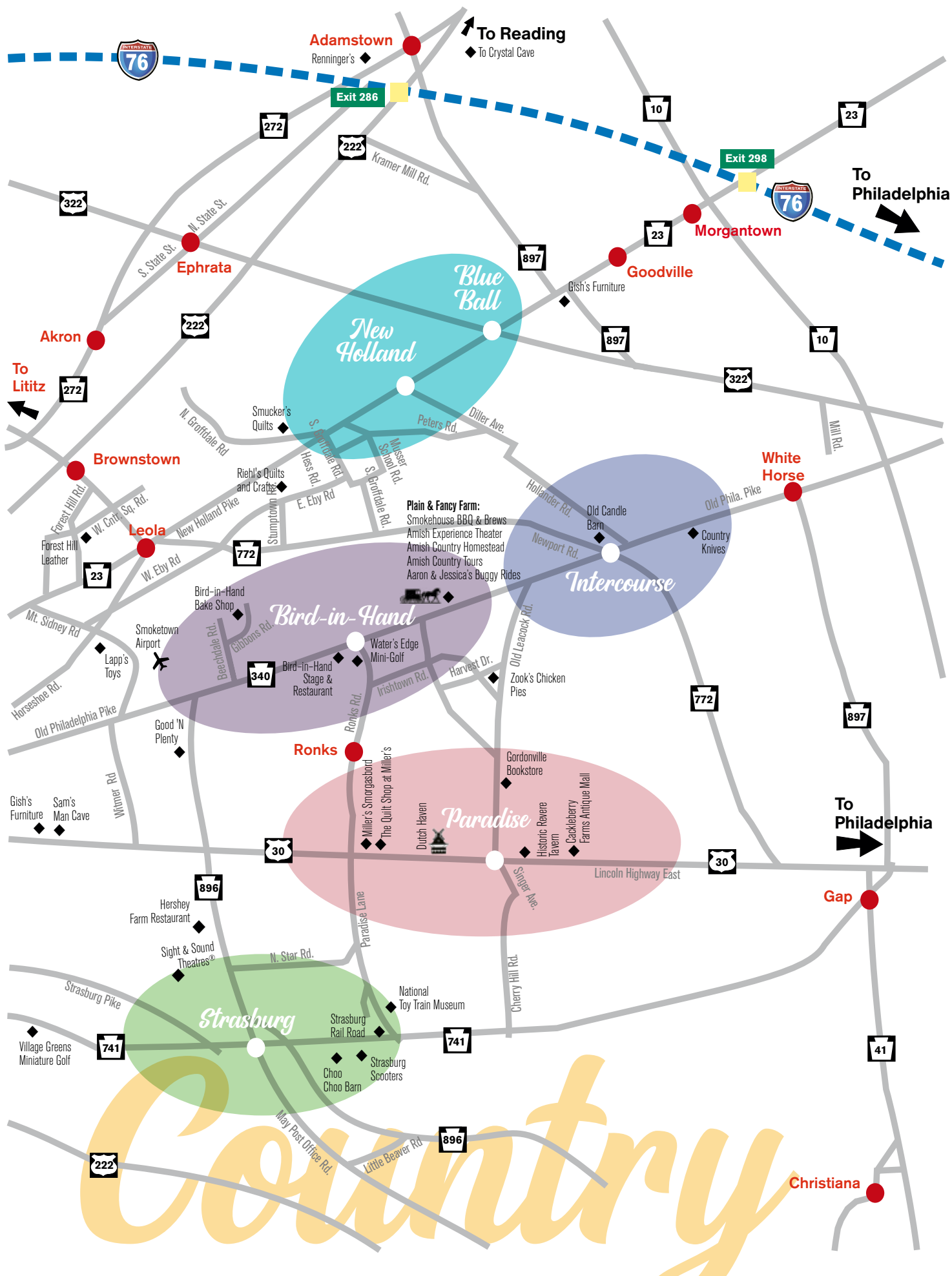
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Adam has a second disadvantage. He has no father, having lost that figure in his life to death last October. The young widow cares for Adam (and his handicaps) and two younger children. She is not the poorest of the poor on the colonies, but life is not easy without a man to earn the living for the family. The oldest "man in the family" is only a little boy who cannot see.

That suffering is compounded by yet another factor. His father committed suicide. Adam doesn't know this yet. They have simply not figured out how to tell him. He must be told before he learns it on his own, and their time to figure out how will run out. But, exactly how do you tell a little boy that his dear father left their family intentionally and by the violence of his own hand? Adam now lives his life without a father, and eventually he will do so with the grim and never-going-away knowledge of how this loss occurred. He'll probably never quite understand why.

Family life is complicated by yet another factor. True Christianity exists in Adam's world, but not uniformly so. Ungodly influences exist. Adam's mother reaches out to the Amish teachers and her ministers for advice and spiritual support.

What will happen to Adam? What will he be able to learn? Who will look out for him after his faithful "Amish" teacher is gone? Will he be able to do any meaningful work to support himself? What will his family life become? Which spiritual path will he personally choose in life? Will he choose to follow the LORD or be swallowed up by ungodly influences?



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Philippians 2 says "Do all things without murmurings and disputing: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life..."

If you can see, hear, and speak, be thankful. If you have the ability to perform some useful work, then live out the Scripture verse "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might". If you have family, enjoy and appreciate them while you have them. If your church is faithful to the Scriptures, then be thankful for their fellowship and willing to help them overcome their faults.

When you are tempted to complain, decide to pray for Adam instead. I offer you this challenge. For the next month, whenever you are tempted to carry an unthankful thought, when you feel you have been done an injustice, or when you feel neglected, choose to pray for Adam instead. Pray for his eyesight. Pray for his day at school. Pray that he could learn some skill which would enable him to earn a living. Pray that his fellow children would remember to be kind to him. Pray for wisdom for his teacher. Pray for his mother, who wishes to do right and is seeking truth. Pray for their Old Colony church ministers, as they

try to provide leadership and spread truth in challenging and changing circumstances.

There is a bit of hope for Adam's eyesight, but it is only a "maybe". I'm not allowing myself to get my hopes up just yet. Adam's teacher had told me the name of the medical condition which causes his blindness. I took that information to a doctor-friend at the Clinic for Special Children in Lancaster County, PA. The doctor thinks he understands what could be wrong with Adam. A unique genetic condition affects some Mennonite children and causes this type of degenerative blindness. IF Adam has what the doctor thinks he has, then there is a small chance that a gene therapy treatment may be available. IF that treatment works, the blindness can actually – in some cases – be reversed, with the patient regaining sight. But, there are too many unknowns to even hope yet. We are making arrangements for a doctor from the Clinic for Special Children to go see Adam. Adam is worth the investment.

Psalms 68:19 says "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah." That word "selah" appears in our Bibles 74 times. It is a Hebrew word and is generally understood to be a notation for the tabernacle or Temple musicians, instructing them to stop singing the song for a moment. "Stop what you are doing and think about what you just said" is probably the idea. So do that. Stop what you are doing and think about all of the blessings God had loaded on you. Then, quit your complaining. Pray for Adam instead. 🐎

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manuscripts to his sister, a talented musician in her own right, for her approval. There, on the banks of the Pequea Creek, Eliza and Stephen played many of the 200 songs written by Stephen, including "My Olde Kentucky Home," "Way Down Upon the Swanee River" and "Oh, Susanna."

Nowadays, the Historic Revere Tavern remains an excellent place to dine, and

continues to offer lodging accommodations, just as it did hundreds of years ago. The tavern can be reached at 717.687.8602. And the backroads around Paradise remain beautiful to this day, as the lush greens of the summer give way to the fall colors of the harvest season. So, during your visit to Lancaster, be sure to spend a little time in Paradise. 🐎

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Education, Life Lessons, and a Learning Experience

by Edward Blanchette

I wanted to take a moment and reflect a bit on education as we wind down the summer and prepare our youth to go back to school, whether be it elementary school, high school, or college. I am sure most of you are anxious to get started again with your educational learning process. I remember when I was younger, things seemed to be much simpler than today. Back then we didn't have computers, cell phones or CDs. Don't get me wrong, there were always challenges with each generation of students that we faced. We all had to endure and go through those challenges to get us where we are in our lives. If there is one thing I have learned, life doesn't stop happening, and with that, neither does education.

There will always be those special teachers and mentors throughout our learning process that have motivated, inspired, and pushed us to be successful or at the very least, to be a solvent member of our respective communities. One or two individuals, other than your parents, who created a fire in you or interest to be better, to be more than just being, to make a difference. Somehow, they

saw the potential of you, before you saw it yourself. I was fortunate to have a few of those individuals in my life, that saw something that made them want to reach out and make the difference to inspire me.

Education, in my mind, is not just about reading, writing, and arithmetic, it is much more. As those aspects are important in gaining knowledge, it's the life lessons we learn every day that also matter. The lessons of compassion, empathy, responsibility, accountability, and at best...becoming humble, and hopefully confident in the process. Teachers and mentors in our lives teach us those qualities as well as how to overcome the objections that life will throw at us; making the choices, both good and bad, and how to deal with those proverbial forks in the road to get us through. These are the things that assist us in making those choices, as we move through our lives and hopefully meet the expectations of the community to make a positive difference, in what seems to be, at times, a chaotic world.

So, if you know a teacher or a mentor, thank them for the education they were a part of, in your lives, both academic and through life lessons. They are, and always will be, essential to who you are. With each passing day, we are always educated in learning a little something more that benefits all of us in a positive way. If you can teach or mentor someone along the way, do so, for the rewards go to all involved.

Remember, we are all in this together, this thing called life. Be well, be kind, and most of all be positive. God bless and have a safe and bountiful school year. 

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